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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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AMEMBASSY MANILA

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1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, DCM CONTACTED MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (HANKAM) OFFICIALS. BOTH MFA ACTING DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MRS. WIRJOSAPUTRO, AND HANKAM
CHIEF OF STAFF AIR MARSHALL SUDHARMO INDICATED THAT LIKLIHOOD
THAT THEIR RESEPCTIVE AGENCIES WOULD NOT OPPOSE USCG TEAM
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ASSISTANCE, BUT INDICATED IMPORTANCE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL. E/CM CONUNSELOR CONTACTED MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOWA MARU MATTER WITHIN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS- MR. HUUHOLZ OF SEA COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE GENERAL WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE OFFER AND USCG CAPABILITIES BUT ADVISED THAT ONLY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER EMIL SALIM COULD MAKE DECISION. EMBASSY PASSED MESSAGE CONCERNING USCG ASSISTANCE AND NEED FOR HIS MINISTRY'S APPROVAL TO MINISTER SALIM, WHO WAS ATTENDING MEETINGS BUT HE DEPARTED JAKARTA FOR WEEKEND WITHOUT OUR BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH HIM. IN ANY EVEN, MARSHALL SUDHARMONO'S OPINION WAS THAT MINISTER SALIM WOULD PROBABLY NOT WISH TO MAKE DECISION ON USCG ASSISTANCE UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSING SHOWS MARU SITUATION WITH GOI INVESTIGATION TEAM, SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO JAKARTA FROM ACCIDENT SITE -- WHICH IN INDONESIAN WATERS-- ON MONDAY JANUARY 13. SUHARMONO STATED ALSO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION BY HANKAM TO USCG ASSISTANCE.

2. PRESS ACCOUNT THIS MORNING CARRIED MFA STATEMENT REPORTING THAT DEFENSE MINISTER --CONCURRENTLY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER-- GENERAL PANGGABEAN, IN DEMARCHE TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR JANUARY 10, EMPHASIZED THAT SHOWA MARU SHOULD NOT BE MOVED FROM ACCIDENT SITE UNTIL FIRST PHASE OF INVESTIGATION BY GOI TEAM IS COMPLETED. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM MRS. WIRJOSPUTRO GAVE MFA QUOTE NO OBJECTION UNQUOTE ON CONDITION THAT INDONESIAN INVESTIGATION EITHER COMPLETED OR ENTIRELY UNAFFECTED BY ACTIVITIES OF ASSISTANCE TEAM.

3. IN LIGHT OF GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTIONS FROM ALL THREE MINISTRIES WE EXPECT INDONESIAN DECISION TO BE POSITIVE IF GOI TEAM FINDS ASSISTANCE STILL NEEDED, BUT DECISION MAY NOT BE MADE UNTIL MID OR LATE MONDAY.

4. FOR TOKYO. WE KNOW FROM CONTACTS WITH MFA AND JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT GOJ REQUEST NOT RECEIVED HERE YET. MIGHT ACCELERATE GOI APPROVAL IF JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE WERE INSTRUCTED BY TOKYO TO APPROACH MFA AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL.

5. OUR ASSUMPTION THAT USCG AIRCRAFT AND TEAM WOULD OPERATE FROM SINGAPORE BASE AND WE HAVE CONVEYED THIS ASSUMPTION IN DISCUSSION WITH GOI OFFICIALS. REQUEST CONFIRMATION.
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